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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr PURVIS, Mr PROUT, and Mr PRICE

with request for urgent and topical debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on Committees of this Parliament

'The European Parliament,

- mindful of the need to function as effectively and as economically as possible;
- determined not to undertake in its own budget any expenditure which cannot be clearly justified in terms of increased effectiveness;
- conscious of the harmful effect on public opinion of any such expenditure;
- recognizing that, even with the present number of full committees, the existing parliamentary commitments of members sometimes makes it difficult for them to attend committee meetings in sufficient strength, thereby creating the risk of committee decisions being unrepresentative and of their being subsequently overthrown in plenary session;
- fully aware of the problems of staffing any new committees, particularly as regards the creation of new posts and the transfer of existing posts;
- conscious that sub-committees, working parties and ad hoc committees - such as the Fisheries sub-committee of the Agricultural Committee, the Human Rights Working Party of the Political Affairs Committee, and the Ad hoc Committee on the Situation of Women - have carried out important tasks effectively and economically, and should be able to continue to do so in the future;
- recognizing the decision already taken by the Parliament to set up an Institutional Committee;

Decides that it will not create any further new full committees before the end of 1982.'